

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2278 – SB 2182

February 28, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013548):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Establishes the statute of limitations for prosecution at no later than 25 years from the date the child becomes 18 years of age, if the offense is committed against a child on or after July 1, 2012, for the following offenses: producing, importing, preparing, distributing, processing or appearing in obscene material or exhibition, sexual exploitation of a minor, aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor, and especially aggravated exploitation of a minor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$493,100/Incarceration\*

*\*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Correction (DOC), the following is the 10-year average number of admissions for the enumerated offenses: one admission for aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor; and three admissions for especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor.
- DOC estimates a five percent increase in admissions for these offenses as a result of this bill as amended. The five percent increase in the 10-year average for these offenses was minuscule and will not result in additional admissions to the Department.
- No significant fiscal impact to the District Public Defenders Conference or the District Attorney Generals Conference due to the small increase in offenders.
- Any impact on the caseloads of state trial courts can be accommodated within existing judicial resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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